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## **HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY HOSTS SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary will hold a public meeting of the Sanctuary Advisory Council in Honolulu. This council meeting will focus on the sanctuary's recent public comment period and the next steps in the management plan review process. All comments that were received are available online at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>. Any persons wishing to testify on agenda items are requested to submit a written copy of their testimony to the council coordinator 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**WHAT:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

**WHEN:** December 15, 2010  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** 6600 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Suite 301, Honolulu, Hawaii

**WHO:** NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

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The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is administered by a partnership between NOAA and the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources. The shallow, warm waters surrounding the main Hawaiian Islands constitute one of the world's most important humpback whale habitats. Approximately two-thirds of the entire North Pacific humpback whale population migrates to Hawaiian waters each winter to engage in calving, nursing and breeding activities.

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